REGULATIONS

OF THE

Grand Royal Arch Chapter

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REGULATIONS.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the better government and regulation of themselves and of the Chapters under their jurisdiction, do ordain and establish the following general and particular regulations.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

This *Grand Royal Arch Chapter* shall consist of the following officers, *to wit :*

Grand High Priest.
Deputy Grand High Priest.
Grand King.
Grand Scribe.
Grand Treasurer.
Grand Secretary.
Grand Chaplains.

Grand Lecturers.
Grand Marshal.
Grand Stewards.
Grand Tyler.

Together with Past Grand High Priests, Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings and Scribes, and of the High Priests, Kings and Scribes, for the time being, of the several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE 2.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall hold three communications in a year; to wit, on the Tuesday next preceding the second Wednesday in June, September and December, of which the communication in September shall be the annual communication, and the time for the choice and appointment of officers, of whom the Grand High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer and Secretary, shall be elected by ballot; and the others shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest, so chosen, all of whom, if present, shall be duly installed on that day. And if any of said officers shall be absent at the time of his election or appointment, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to forward him due notice thereof, with a request that he would signify his acceptance or refusal of the same in writing, within twenty days at least preceding the next regular meeting of the Grand Chapter; and should any of said officers decline accepting the office assigned him, or neglect to give notice thereof within the time aforesaid, then such office shall be deemed vacant, and filled at the next regular meeting of said Grand Chapter. And all other vacancies of office, by resignation or otherwise, shall be filled at the regular communication, next succeeding the same. And all communications of the Grand Chapter shall hereafter be holden in Boston.

ARTICLE 3.

All Grand officers at the time of their installation, shall make the following declaration: "I, A. B. do solemnly promise on the honour of a Royal Arch Mason, that according to the utmost of my knowledge and ability, I will strictly comply with all the laws and regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, the constitution and laws of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, and all other ancient masonic usages."

ARTICLE 4.

In case of the absence of the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, it shall be the duty of the oldest past officer of those grades respectively to preside, and in case of the absence of all the past officers, the High Priest of the oldest Chapter present, shall preside.

ARTICLE 5.

The Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, King or Scribe of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, for the time being, shall not be High Priest, King or Scribe, of any subordinate Chapter.

ARTICLE 6.

No person shall be eligible to the office of Grand High Priest for more than three years successively.

ARTICLE 7.

It shall be the duty of the Grand High Priest to appoint one or more discreet and well informed companions, to be styled Grand Lecturer, who shall be commissioned by the Grand High Priest, with the seal of the Grand Chapter affixed, and attested by the Grand Secretary, which commission shall be in force until the conclusion of the annual communications in September, and no longer.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Lecturer, when requested, to visit any chapter under this jurisdiction, and teach them the lectures, mode of work, and all things appertaining to the interest of the degrees and government of the chapter; and the parties so employing him, shall make him a reasonable compensation for his services.

He shall keep a record of his proceedings and submit it to the inspection of the Grand High Priest

when required, and shall make no alterations in the lectures without permission of the Grand Chapter. That the system as established by the Grand Chapter, and taught by the Grand Lecturer shall be the standard for the regulation of all chapters under this jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 8.

A committee of three shall be appointed at the annual meetings, immediately after the Installation of the Grand Officers, to be styled the *Committee of Finance*, whose duty it shall be to examine and audit all bills presented against the Grand Chapter, together with the Grand Treasurer's and Secretary's accounts and books, and report at the annual communications in September, previously to the election of officers.

ARTICLE 9.

Every petition for a warrant to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall be signed by at least nine regular Royal Arch Masons within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, which petition shall be accompanied with a certificate from the Chapter within this commonwealth, nearest the place where the new Chapter is intended to be opened, vouching for the moral character and masonic abilities

of the petitioners, and recommending to the Grand Chapter to grant them a warrant; and if it shall meet the approbation of this Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest shall grant his dispensation for the same, to be in force not exceeding twelve months, and during that time the members of said Chapter shall be examined with regard to their abilty to perform the requisite duties, by a committee to be appointed by the Grand High Priest; said committee to report to the Grand High Priest, and if their report meet his approbation, he shall within the year aforesaid, unless a further time is granted by a vote of the Grand Chapter, appoint a time for the consecration of said Chapter and installation of the officers, and direct the Secretary to make out a charter to bear even date with the dispensation.

And if a majority of the members of any Chapter, at a regular meeting notified for that purpose, shall vote to remove their chapter to any other place, the Grand Chapter may sanction and anthorize such removal, if recommended by the chapter nearest to the place to which the chapter is proposed to be removed.

The fees for the charter shall be paid upon receiving the dispensation, and all expenses of the Grand Chapter for the installation of the new chapter shall be paid by the chapter installed.

ARTICLE 10.

No warrant shall be granted by this Grand Chapter for holding a Mark Master's, Past Master's, or M. E. Master's Lodge, independent of a Royal Arch Chapter.

ARTICLE 11.

The fees for a warrant for holding a chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and opening lodges of Mark Masters, Past Masters, and Most Excellent Masters, shall be one hundred and ten dollars; one hundred dollars to the use of this Grand Chapter, and ten dollars to the Secretary, to defray the expense of executing the same.

ARTICLE 12.

The several chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall pay for the support thereof, into the hands of the Grand Treasurer, annually, the sum of twelve dollars, and also three dollars for every candidate, who shall be exalted in such Chapter, and shall be entitled to receive of the Grand Secretary one diploma for each candidate exalted.

ARTICLE 13.

Every chapter of Royal Arch Masons under this jurisdiction, may be represented by their High Priest, King and Scribe, in person or by their respective proxies, at every meeting of the Grand

Chapter; and at the annual communication in September, make a duplicate return of the names of their officers and members and of the candidates by them exalted, (one of which returns shall be held by the Grand Treasurer and the other by the Chapter) and pay their dues to the Grand Treasurer.

ARTICLE 14.

No candidate shall be exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason by any Chapter under this jurisdiction for a less sum than thirty-one dollars, except the candidate be a regular minister of the Gospel, in which case the Chapter exalting him, may, at their discretion, remit the whole, or any part of the fees; and no note of hand shall be taken by any Chapter for the fees, or any part of the fees, due on the exaltation or advancement of any Candidate.

ARTICLE 15.

The application of any and every candidate, who is a resident in this Commonwealth, for exaltation in any chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be made in writing and signed by the applicant; and said application shall lay over one meeting of said Chapter at least for the consideration of the members thereof, and no ballot shall be taken upon the application of any candidate within thirty days from

the meeting at which he was proposed, unless in cases of emergency, when a dispensation from the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, or Grand Scribe, shall be obtained; and that no Candidate shall be received or admitted to the degrees, without an unanimous vote in his favor.

ARTICLE 16.

No candidate, residing in any town where a chapter is holden under this jurisdiction, shall be exalted in any other chapter within this jurisdiction, without a recommendation from nine members of the Chapter, nearest the place where said candidate does reside, of whom the High Priest, King and Scribe, shall be three.

ARTICLE 17.

No chapter under this jurisdiction shall receive for exaltation to the sublime degrees, a candidate who is resident in another of the United States, where Grand or subordinate Lodges are established, agreeably to the rules and regulations of the General Grand Chapter, and whose place of residence is within the distance of fifty miles from any subordinate chapter of the State, in which such candidate lives, unless said candidate's application be accompanied by a special recommendation from a major-

ity of the officers, one of whom must be the High Priest, King, or Scribe of the Chapter nearest the place of his residence, and in the state wherein he resides; or the approbation and recommendation of two of the four first officers of the Grand Chapter of the State wherein he resides, and six members of some one Chapter under the jurisdiction of said Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE 18.

An applicant to any chapter under this jurisdiction for the sublime degree, who is a foreigner, or not a resident of any of the United States, where chapters are held agreeably to the regulations of the General Grand Chapter of said States, must have his application written and signed by himself and four members of the chapter to which he applies for exaltation, or by himself and six members of other chapters under this jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 19.

No candidate, whose application may be rejected in any chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be exalted in any chapter, other than that to which he first applied, without a recommendation from nine members of said chapter, of whom the High Priest, King and Scribe shall be three; and it shall be the duty of every chapter under this jurisdiction to communicate all rejections of candidates to the several Chapters under this jurisdiction, as well as to this Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE 20.

No Royal Arch Mason shall be admitted a member of any Chapter under this jurisdiction, unless he shall have regularly received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master Mason, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason, nor without an unanimous vote in his favour.

ARTICLE 21.

No Royal Arch Mason shall be a member of two separate and distinct chapters under this jurisdiction at one and the same time.

ARTICLE 22.

No chapter or Assembly of Royal Arch Masons, that may hereafter be formed within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall be deemed legal without the sanction of a warrant from this Grand Chapter. Masonic communication, either public or private, is hereby strictly forbidden between any chapter or lodge under this jurisdiction, or between any member of said chapter or lodge under this jurisdiction, and any chapter or lodge that may be so illegally opened, or either of their members, or any person exalted or advanced in such illegal chapter or lodge.

The punishment for breach of any part of this article shall be expulsion and exclusion from the benefits of this Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE 23.

The High Priest, King and Scribe of any chapter, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, when not able to attend the communications, shall appoint their proxies by a commission signed with their names, to which their seals shall be affixed, which commission shall continue in force only during the year for which the said High Priest, King, or Scribe was elected.

PARTICULAR REGULATIONS.

ARTICLE 1.

At every communication of this Grand Chapter, previous to the transaction of any business, the chapter shall be opened in due form.

ARTICLE 2.

The officers of subordinate chapters, who attend the communications of the Grand Chapter, must appear clothed in their proper jewels.

ARTICLE 3.

Every officer of a chapter under this jurisdiction, who, as such, has a right to sit and vote in this Grand Chapter, shall, in case of his absence at any communication, have a right to be represented therein by his proxy duly appointed; provided, however, such proxy be not under the degree of Royal

Arch Mason. In case of the absence of the High Priest, the King shall wear his jewel, the Scribe shall wear the King's jewel, and the proxy of the High Priest shall wear the Scribe's jewel. And in case of the absence of the King also, the Scribe shall wear his jewel, and the proxy of the King shall wear the Scribe's jewel.

The form of letters of proxy, shall be in substance as follows; *to wit*,

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

BE IT KNOWN,

THAT pursuant to the authority given me by the G. R. A. C. of Mass. I ——— ———, ——— of ——— Chapter, do, by these presents, constitute and appoint Companion —— —— of ———, to represent me at the meetings of said Grand Chapter, to be holden at Boston, on the —— day of ———, [*or for the present Masonic year, as the case may be.*]

Confirming the acts of said Companion, in his capacity aforesaid—I pray that he may enjoy all the privileges and protection to which I am entitled.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this —— day of ——— A. L. ——.

ARTICLE 4.

Every member of this Grand Chapter, and representative thereto, must appear properly clothed with the badges of a Royal Arch Mason.

ARTICLE 5.

No Companion shall be admitted into this Grand Chapter, but such as are members and voters, except petitioners and witnesses, or those called in by motion. And no person shall be admitted as a visitor at any communication unless some member of said Grand Chapter, or companion of right sitting in the same, will of his own knowledge, declare that such person desirous of being admitted, has regularly received all the degrees appertaining to Royal Arch Masonry, as conferred by the chapters under this jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 6.

Whereas it is essentially important, that the mode of working in the several chapters, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, should be uniformly the same ; therefore the better to accomplish this desirable object, it shall be the duty of the Grand High Priest, or presiding officer at every communication hereof to give or cause to be given, the Mark and Royal Arch Lectures, that the officers of the several chapters may be fully acquainted therewith, and dispense the knowledge of them in an uniform and regular manner in their several chapters.

ARTICLE 7.

The accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary, at the annual communication in September, shall be

audited, and for their services they shall receive such compensation as this Grand Chapter may deem adequate.

ARTICLE 8.

Every return from the subordinate chapters shall specify the time when each candidate was marked. passed, acknowledged and exalted ; and each chapter shall pay to this Grand Chapter, for every candidate admitted to the degree of Mark Master, one dollar ; to the degree of Past Master, fifty cents ; to the degree of Most Excellent Master, fifty cents ; and to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, one dollar.

ARTICLE 9.

When any member of a chapter under this jurisdiction shall be accused of any offence, which if proved against him, would subject him to an expulsion or other censure, the truth of the charge or charges shall not be examined, until a copy of them in writing shall have been delivered to him fourteen days at least previous to the time appointed for the examination. And no investigation shall be had, unless at a meeting of the chapter, convened on a formal summons for that purpose. And the examination and decision shall be made according to the rules specially prescribed in a report accepted by the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE 10.

Each chapter under this jurisdiction shall have a seal, which shall be affixed to all communications made to this Grand Chapter, and to all credentials which may be given by such chapter to any member thereof.

ARTICLE 11.

Whenever the by-laws of any chapter require the names of candidates to be inserted in the notifications, a dispensation from a grand officer does not render such insertion unnecessary.

ARTICLE 12.

All motions made in the Grand Chapter, the determinations of which may require to be recorded, shall be handed in writing to the Secretary, who shall present them to the presiding officer for the time being.

ARTICLE 13.

No vote of the Grand Chapter shall be reconsidered by a less number of voters than were present at the passing the same.

ARTICLE 14.

No articles in the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, shall be altered except at the annual meeting thereof, unless the alteration shall have been proposed at a previous meeting.

ORDER OF CEREMONIES,

IN CONSTITUTING AND DEDICATING A ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, WITH THE INSTALLATION OF THE OFFICERS THEREOF.

1. The new Chapter will meet in their hall, and be in order.

2. The Grand Chapter will meet in an adjacent room and open.

3. A committee from the new chapter will inform the Grand Marshal that their chapter is prepared to receive the Grand Chapter; the Grand Marshal will announce the same to the Grand Chapter.

4. The committee will conduct a procession of the Grand Chapter to their hall in the following order.

Grand Tyler.
Two Grand Stewards.
Representatives of Subordinate Chapters according to seniority.
Great Lights.
Orator and Grand Chaplain.
Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.
Past Grand Officers according to seniority.
Deputy Grand High Priest.
Grand Scribe and Grand King.
G. P. Sojourner and G. Capt. Host.

Grand High Priest.
Grand Royal Arch Captain.

(*Grand Marshal on the left of the procession.*)

N. B. The G. P. Sojourner, G. Capt. Host, and G. R. A. Captain, are appointed pro tempore.

5. The officers of the new Chapter resign their seats to the Grand Chapter.

6. The Grand High Priest will direct the Grand Secretary to read the commission and report of the committee of examination.

7. The Grand High Priest, all companions, except past or present High Priests, duly qualified, having retired, will direct the Deputy Grand High Priest to qualify the High Priest elect.

8. The Grand Marshal will then form a general procession in the following order.

Three Royal Arch Stewards with rods.
Tyler of a blue Lodge.
Entered Apprentices.
Fellow Crafts.
Master Masons.
Stewards of Lodges having jewels.
Deacons having jewels.
Secretaries having jewels.
Treasurers having jewels.
Wardens having jewels.
Mark Master Masons.

Past Masters.
M. E. Masters.
Royal Arch Masons by three.
Orders of Knighthood.
Tyler of the new Chapter.
Members of the new Chapter.
Three Masters of Veils.
Principal Sojourner, Secretary and Treasurer.
Scribe, High Priest and King.
Royal Arch Captain.
Grand Chapter as before prescribed, except Clergy and Guests of Distinction, are to precede the Orator and Grand Chaplain.

(*Capt. Host on the left of the procession.*)

9. The officers and members of the new Chapter, and also of the Grand Chapter, being seated, the Grand Marshal proclaims silence, and the ceremonies begin with

10. An Ode, Prayer and an Oration.

11. The Grand Marshal then directs the new Chapter to form in front of the Grand Chapter.

12. The Deputy Grand High Priest, then says, "Most Excellent Grand High Priest, a number of companions duly instructed in the sublime mysteries, being desirous of promoting the honour of the art, have applied to the Grand Chapter for a warrant to constitute a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, which having obtained, they are now assembled for

the purpose of being constituted, and having their officers installed in due and ancient form.

13. The Grand High Priest directs the Grand Secretary to read the warrant or charter, which is done.

14. The Grand High Priest then asks, "Do you still approve of the officers, as named therein?" which being answered in the affirmative,

15. The Grand High Priest then rises, and says, "By virtue of the high powers in me vested, I do form you, my worthy Companions, into a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. From henceforth you are authorised and empowered to open and hold a Lodge of Mark Masters, Past Masters, and Most Excellent Masters, and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; and to do and perform all such things as thereunto may appertain, conforming in all your doings to the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution, and the general regulations of the State Grand Chapter. And may the God of your Fathers be with you, guide and direct you, in all your doings.

16. The regalia of the new chapter, being covered, having been placed on a table by the Grand Marshal, will then be uncovered by the Deputy Grand High Priest, King and Scribe, assisted by the Grand Marshal and accompanied by solemn music.

17. The dedication then follows: the Grand Chaplain saying, "To our most excellent Patron

Zerubabel, we solemnly dedicate this Chapter; may the blessing of our Heavenly High Priest descend and rest upon its members, and may their felicity be immortal. Glory be to GOD on high."

Response by the Companions.

"As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. So mote it be, Amen."

18. The Grand Marshal then says, "I am directed to proclaim and I do hereby proclaim this Chapter by the name of ———— Chapter, duly constituted and dedicated. This," &c. &c.

19. An Ode.

20. The Deputy Grand High Priest presents the High Priest of the new Chapter to the Grand High Priest, and says, "Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I present you my worthy Companion ———— nominated in the warrant, to be installed High Priest of this new Chapter. I find him to be skilful in the Royal Art, and attentive to the moral precepts of our forefathers, and have therefore no doubt but he will discharge the duties of his office with fidelity."

21. The Grand High Priest then addresses the High Priest of the new Chapter, as follows.

"Most Excellent Companion,

"You having been appointed to the honourable and responsible office of High Priest of this new Chapter, and having accepted the important trust,

and received the order of High Priesthood, I shall now proceed to instal you into that office; a station highly honorable to all those, who diligently perform the important duties annexed to it. I shall not attempt particularly to enumerate those duties; but only observe that, by a frequent recurrence to the constitution and general regulations, and a constant practice of the several sublime lectures and charges, you will be best able to fulfil them; and I am persuaded that the companions who are appointed to preside with you will give strength to your endeavours and support to your exertions.

"I shall now propose certain questions to you, relative to the duties of your office, to which I must request your unequivocal answer.

1. Do you solemnly promise that you will redouble your endeavours to correct the vices, purify the morals, and promote the happiness of those of your brethren who have attained this sublime degree.

2. That you will never suffer your Chapter to be opened unless there be present nine regular Royal Arch Masons.

3. That you will never suffer either more or less than three brethren to be exalted in your Chapter at one and the same time.

4. That you will not exalt any one to this degree, who has not shown a charitable and humane

disposition; or who has not made a considerable proficiency in the foregoing degrees.

5. That you will promote the general good of our order, and on all proper occasions be ready to give and receive instructions, and particularly from the General and State Grand Officers.

6. That to the utmost of your power you will preserve the solemnities of our ceremonies, and behave, in open Chapter, with the most profound respect and reverence, as an example to your companions.

7. That you will not acknowledge or have intercourse with any Chapter, that does not work under a constitutional warrant or dispensation.

8. That you will not admit any visitor into your Chapter who has not been exalted in a Chapter legally constituted, without his being first formally healed.

9. That you will observe and support such bylaws as may be made by your Chapter, in conformity to the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution, and the general regulations of the Grand Chapter.

10. That you will pay due respect and obedience to the instructions of the General and State Grand Officers, particularly relating to the several lectures and charges, and will resign the chair to them, severally, when they may visit your chapter.

11. That you will support and observe the Gen-

eral Grand Royal Arch Constitution, and the general regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter under whose authority you act.

12. That you will bind your successor in office to the observance of the same rules to which you have now assented.

Do you submit to all these things, and do you promise to observe and practice them faithfully?" *(Assents.)*

"Let us kneel at the altar and invoke a blessing of the Deity." All the companions kneel. Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

"Most Holy and Glorious Lord, God, the Great High Priest of heaven and earth.

"We approach thee with reverence, and implore thy blessing on the companion appointed to preside over this new assembly, and now prostrate before thee. Fill his heart with thy fear, that his tongue and actions may pronounce thy glory. Make him stedfast in thy service; grant him firmness of mind; animate his heart, and strengthen his endeavours. May he teach thy judgments and thy laws; and may the incense he shall put before thee, upon thine altar, prove an acceptable sacrifice unto thee. Bless him, O Lord, and bless the work of his hands. Accept us in mercy; hear thou from Heaven, thy dwelling-place, and forgive our transgressions.

"Glory be to God the Father. As it was in the beginning," &c. Response, "So mote it be."

Rise—clothe High Priest.

"Most Excellent,

"I now present and invest you with this breast-plate. It is the jewel and badge of the order. Thus clothed you represent the great Joshua, son of Jozadack, High Priest of Israel, who presided at the first Grand Masonic Council at Jerusalem. Those stones represented the twelve tribes of Israel, and served to bring them in memorial before the Lord. They will remind you not only of the support and obedience you may expect from the members of your Chapter, but of your duty and obligation to them.

"In consequence of your cheerful acquiescence with the charges and regulations just recited, I now declare you duly installed and anointed High Priest of this Chapter, not doubting your determination to support the honour and reputation of our sublime order.

"I now deliver into your hands the Charter under which you are to work; you will receive it as a sacred deposit, and never permit it to be used for any other purposes than those expressed in it.

"I present you with the Holy Bible, Square, and Compasses, the three great Lights in every degree of Masonry. The doctrines contained in this sacred

volume, create in us a belief in the dispensations of Divine Providence, which belief strengthens our faith and enables us to ascend the first step of the Grand Masonic Ladder. This faith naturally produces in us a hope of becoming partakers of the promises expressed in this inestimable gift of GOD to man, which hope enables us to ascend the second step. But the third and last being Charity, comprehends the former, and will continue to exert its influence, when faith shall be lost in sight, and hope in complete enjoyment.

"By the Square and Compasses we are taught to circumscribe our desires, and practice the duties of friendship, morality and brotherly love.

"I present you with the Constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter; the rules and regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this Commonwealth; and also with the by-laws of your Chapter. You will cause all these to be frequently read and punctually obeyed.

"Lastly, I present you with this Mallet, a blow with which will command attention and restore order in the Chapter.

"And now, Most Excellent, permit me, in behalf of the Craft here assembled, to offer you our most sincere congratulations on your accession to the honourable station you now fill. I doubt not, you will govern with such order and regularity as to convince your companions that their partiality has not been misplaced.

"Companions of ——— Chapter. Behold your High Priest. [*They rise and bow, or if the installation be not public, salute him with the honours of Royal Arch Masonry.*] Recollect that the prosperity of your Chapter will as much depend on your support, assistance, and obedience, as on his assiduity, information, and wisdom."

22. The Grand King, Scribe, Treasurer and Secretary, instal their corresponding officers.

"Right W. and E. Companion,

"You being appointed to the important office of King of this Chapter, the purple robe with which I have invested you, marks the exalted rank you now hold among your companions. In the absence of the High Priest, it will be your duty to preside in the Chapter; and while discharging the various duties of your office, you will have the honour of representing the illustrious King of Persia, by whose power and liberality, our ancient brethren were delivered from slavery, and sent in peace to their native country.

"I cover you with this crown, emblem of royalty. Permit me to remind you that to reign sovereign of the hearts and affections of your companions, you must bring your own passions and prejudices under the dominion of reason and charity.

"I now invest you with this jewel, the badge of your office. Let it remind you, that although the representative of a King, as a Mason you should ever stand on a level with every worthy brother.

"In the Chapter you will assist in the council, representing those worthies, who composed the first Grand Masonic Council at Jerusalem. May their bright example stimulate you to the faithful performance of every duty; and when the KING OF KINGS shall summon you to his immediate presence, from his hand may you receive a crown of glory, which shall never fade away."

"Right W. and E. Companion,

"You being appointed to the important office of Scribe of this Chapter, I invest you with this jewel, the badge of your office.

"While you stand as a watchman to guard the actions and protect the honour of your companions, the plumb will admonish you to walk uprightly in your station, to balance the scales of justice, to preserve a just medium between austerity and intemperance, to subject your passions and prejudices to moral rectitude, and excite you to the more faithful performance of your duty. May your example so influence the conduct of the members of your Chapter, that at last, the GREAT WATCHMAN OF ISRAEL, whose eye never slumbers nor sleeps, may admit you and them to refreshment as pure as it will be perfect.

"As a member of the Council, it is your privilege to be covered, and seated on the left of the High Priest.

"In the absence of the High Priest and King,

you will preside in the Chapter; and, therefore, must feel the necessity of your early and punctual attendance at every meeting. I am persuaded you will endeavour to perform every duty as much to the acceptance of your companions, as to your own honour."

"Companion,

"Reposing unlimited confidence in your honour and integrity, the members of this Chapter have elected you to the important office of their Treasurer. I now invest you with the badge of your office. These keys will remind you, that to your care is entrusted the property of the Chapter, which you will consider as a sacred deposit. Your duty is to receive all monies from the Secretary, keep a just and exact account of the same, and dispose of them at the pleasure of the Chapter. Your constant attendance at every meeting is necessary, that should distress and poverty assail any companion, his widow or orphans, the Chapter may know the extent of their ability to relieve. Be faithful in the "unrighteous mammon," that you may be entrusted with the "true riches."

"Companion,

"You being elected to the office of Secretary of this Chapter, I now invest you with this jewel, the badge of your office. Your duty is to observe with attention the transactions of the Chapter, to make

a fair record of the same ; to collect all monies, and pay them to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor. Having faithfully recorded the transactions of your Chapter here below, and received the merited applause of your companions, may you be admitted into the Celestial Grand Chapter above, and find your name recorded in the book of life."

23. The Deputy Grand High Priest instals the other officers.

"Companion,

"Having been elected Royal Arch Captain to this Chapter, your duty is to guard the Sanctuary and to admit those only who are duly qualified. I arm you with this sword to enable you to execute your duty with fidelity and safety. The honour and peace of the council are in a great measure committed to your care ; never permit the former to be violated, or the latter disturbed."

"Companion,

"You are elected Captain of the Host of your companions. Your station is at the outward courts of the Tabernacle ; your duty is to examine the travellers ; and, if found worthy, to qualify them for further service. You must be sensible that to perform the very important duties of your office, you must yourself be perfect in the mysteries of this exalted degree. I arm you with this sword, not only to mark your superiority over your companions, but that you may therewith be able to protect them and maintain the honour of our order."

"Companion,

"This Chapter have elected you to one of the most important offices at their disposal, that of Principal Sojourner. I present you with this wand, the badge of your office. Your duty is to bring the blind by a way they knew not, and lead them in parts they have not known ; to make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight ; these things you are to do unto them and forsake them not. You must be sensible that your punctual attendance at the Chapter cannot be dispensed with. Always use your best endeavours that your fellow-travellers be duly prepared and properly accommodated, while travelling the rugged paths ; so that, having sustained the horrors of captivity with fortitude, and the fatigues of their journey with patience ; having wrought diligently and found that which was lost, they may be admitted to the presence of the council, and receive their merited reward.

"You, my Companions, are elected Masters of the Veils. Your duty is to guard the sanctuary of your Companions and their Councils, and suffer none to pass or repass, but those who are duly and truly qualified, and have properly traced their genealogy."

Master of the red, I present you with this sword. Red denotes that fervency and zeal, which ought to actuate all Royal Arch Masons, and is the distinguishing characteristic of this degree."

"Master of the Purple, accept this sword; and recollect, that as purple is composed of a mixture of blue and red, it is therefore placed between the first and third veils of those colours, to denote that intimate connection, which subsists between this sublime degree, and ancient craft masonry."

"Master of the blue, I present you with this sword. Blue is an emblem of friendship; and, as such, is used as a characteristic of a Master Mason."

"Let your friendship, my companions, be sincere and disinterested; be firmly united in the cause in which you are engaged, and zealous in the discharge of the duties of the offices to which you have been elected. Then, although every rod becomes a serpent, and every serpent an enemy to the craft, yet will their utmost vigilance and strongest exertions be as impotent as the leprous hand, or "water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again."

"Companions,

"You are elected Stewards of this Chapter, in which station much depends on you. The preparation of candidates is an important duty, which, I trust, you will discharge with credit to yourselves,

to the honour of the Chapter, and to the satisfaction and improvement of the prepared. You are now invested with the insignia of your office. You will distribute the regalia of the Chapter previous to the time of opening; and when the Chapter is closed, see that proper care is taken of the same. At refreshment be particularly attentive to visitors."

"Companion,

"You are appointed Tyler to this Chapter. I now invest you with this jewel, the badge of your office. Your station is at the outside of the door; and your duty is to guard your companions, and permit none to enter but the duly qualified. I present you with this sword. In your hand let it become like the flaming sword, which protected the Garden of Eden; and like that, turn every way to guard the honour and peace of the Chapter."

24. The Grand Marshal is then directed to make proclamation as follows:

"I am directed by the most excellent Grand High Priest (*or presiding Grand Officer*) to proclaim, and I do hereby proclaim, that the officers of ——— Chapter are installed in due and ancient form. All members of the craft are required to take notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly. This proclamation is made to the East, West and South."

25. A Prayer.

26 An Address.

27. Benediction.

"The Lord be with you all; let brotherly love continue; be not forgetful to entertain strangers. Now the God of peace, our supreme High Priest, make you all perfect to do his will.

"Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace and good will to men. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be," &c.

28. Grand Procession, formed as before, and proceed to refreshment.

29. Grand Chapter conducted to their room, and close.

REMARKS,

ON THE INSTALLATION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, WITH A SHORT STATEMENT OF THE FORMS AND ORDER OF CEREMONIES.

By immemorial usage, every association of individuals of the Masonic fraternity must, annually, be duly organized. This requires the installation and investiture of the officers of such association at the time of their election, according to ancient form. Agreeably to this principle is the second article of the constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, requiring the installation of the Grand Officers at the annual meeting. Such part of the ceremony, a knowledge of which may be useful to the Craft generally, is as follows:

1. The person elected Grand High Priest, having been notified of his election by a committee under the direction of the Grand Marshal, and having accepted, is introduced to the presiding Grand High Priest, or in case of reelection, to the Deputy Grand High Priest.

2. The Grand High Priest elect, then notifies the Grand Chapter of his acceptance and readiness to declaration required by the third article of the constitution, and be installed in due and ancient form.

3. He is then conducted to the altar by the Grand Marshal, and makes the necessary declaration, assisted by the Grand presiding officer.

4. Being reconducted, he is addressed by the Grand presiding officer, as follows :

" Having been elected to the high and responsible office of Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, and having accepted that important trust, and made the necessary declaration, I shall now proceed to instal you into that office. It is a station which requires the performance of great and arduous duties ; duties which those alone, who have not only acquired great masonic information, but who constantly adorn their conduct in life with every Christian virtue, can well and properly discharge. Let us," &c. (*repair to the altar. Invocation by Grand Chaplain. Rise.*)

" Most Excellent,

" The members of this Grand Chapter having designated you as a companion such as I have described, I now with pleasure." &c. (*Repeating such parts of the address, in page* 27, *as are applicable.*)

He then directs the members of the Grand Chapter to salute the Grand High Priest with the honours of Royal Arch Masonry, and the Grand Marshal to proclaim his due installation.

7. The Grand High Priest directs the Grand Marshal to announce his appointment of officers, required by the second article of the constitution, who, after the installation of each officer of the Grand Chapter, is directed to make the usual proclamation.

8. Grand High Priest then instals Deputy Grand High Priest.

" Most Excellent,

" By virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, having appointed you to the important office of Deputy Grand High Priest, and you having made the necessary declaration, I invest you with this jewel, and place upon you this covering, the insignia of your office. They naturally call to remembrance the period of the return of the Jews from captivity at Babylon, when their High Priests were invested with supreme authority, and held Grand Masonic Councils at Jerusalem. In my absence it will be your duty to preside over the deliberations of this Grand Chapter, and, when present, to afford me your aid and assistance. I have full confidence that I express the opinion and belief of this Grand Chapter, when I say, you will so discharge your duty as to represent by your conduct " the path of the just, which, like the shining light will shine more and more, even unto the perfect day."

9. The Grand High Priest instals the Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secre-

tary, investing them with their respective jewels, and giving them the necessary charges. (*See pages* 29, 30, 31.)

10. The Grand Chaplain is then invested.

"Excellent and Rev. Companion,

"You are appointed Grand Chaplain of this Grand Chapter, and I now invest you with this jewel, the badge of your office. It is emblematical of Eternity, and reminds us that here is not our abiding place. Your inclination will undoubtedly conspire with your duty, when you perform in the Grand Chapter those solemn services which created beings should constantly render to their infinite CREATOR; and which, when offered by one whose holy profession is, "to point to Heaven and lead the way," may, by refining our morals, strengthening our virtues, and purifying our minds, prepare us for admission into the society of those above, whose happiness will be as endless as it is perfect."

11. The Grand Marshal is then invested, with a proper charge.

12. The remaining Grand Officers are installed with suitable charges. (*See page* 34.)

13. The direction of the Grand High Priest to the Grand Marshal, to proclaim the due organization of the Grand Royal Chapter concludes.

OBSERVATIONS,

CONCERNING THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD, AND THE CEREMONY OF CONFERRING THE SAME.

The order of High Priesthood cannot be conferred on any companion except him, who shall have been duly elected to preside as High Priest in a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. This order should not be conferred when a less number than three duly qualified High Priests are present. Whenever the ceremony is performed with a solemnity appropriate to the degree, the assistance of at least nine High Priests, who have received it, is requisite.

Though the High Priest of every regular Royal Arch Chapter, having himself been properly qualified, can confer the order under the preceding limitation as to number, yet it is desirable, when circumstances will permit, that it should be conferred by the Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, or such person as he may designate for that purpose. A convention, notified to meet at

the time of any communication of the Grand Chapter, will afford the best opportunity for conferring this important and exalted degree of masonry, with appropriate solemnity. Whenever it is conferred, the following directions are to be observed.

A candidate desirous of receiving the order of High Priesthood, makes a written request to his predecessor in office, or, when it can be done, to the Grand High Priest, respectfully requesting that a convention of High Priests may be called for the purpose of conferring on him the order. When the convention meets and is duly organized, a certificate of the due election of the candidate into the office of High Priest must be produced. This certificate is signed by his predecessor in office, attested by the Secretary of the Chapter. On examination of this certificate, the qualifications of the candidate for admission to this honourable and sublime degree of Masonry, are ascertained. The solemn ceremonies of conferring the order upon him, then ensue. When ended, the presiding officer directs the Secretary of the Convention to make a record of the proceedings, and return it to the Secretary of the Grand Chapter, to be by him laid before the Grand High Priest for the information of all whom it may concern. The convention of High Priests is then closed in due form.

It is the duty of every companion as soon after his election into the office of High Priest, as is consistent with his personal convenience, to apply for admission to the order of High Priesthood, that he may be fully qualified properly to govern his Chapter.

☞ Communications to the Grand Chapter, may be made to the Grand Secretary, Boston.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

St. Andrew's Chapter, *Boston.*
King Cyrus Chapter, *Newburyport.*
St. John's Chapter, *Groton.*
King Solomon's Chapter, *Charlton.*
Washington Chapter, *Salem.*
King Hiram's Chapter, *Greenwich.*
Adoniram Chapter, *Taunton.*
Morning Star Chapter, *Springfield.*
Franklin Chapter, *Greenfield.*
Rising Sun Chapter, *Nantucket.*
St. Paul's Chapter, *Boston.*
Mount Zion Chapter, *Stoughton.*
Thomas Chapter, *Princeton.*
Worcester Chapter, *Worcester.*
Mount Lebanon Chapter, *Medway,*
Brookfield Chapter, *Brookfield.*
Northampton Chapter, *Northampton.*
Concord Chapter, *Concord,*
Mount Horeb Chapter, *Lowell.*
St. Luke's Chapter, *Marblehead.*